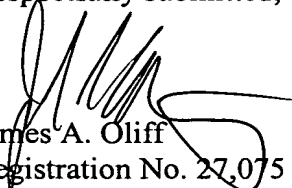


REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-5, 7-12, and 14 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 4, 9, and 11 are amended to eliminate multiple dependencies. The Abstract is also amended. Prompt and favorable consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

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